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1. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST IN REFTEL, NAS LA PAZ PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING LIST OF MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING 1992.

A) CN INTERDICTION EFFORTS PREVENTED AN ESTIMATED 82,671 KILOS OF HCL POTENTIALLY AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT FROM LEAVING BOLIVIA. ESTIMATED STREET VALUE OF USD 1.8 BILLION.

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- CN LAW ENFORCEMENT

OPERATIONS PRODUCED
RECORD NUMBERS OF
SEIZURES AND ARRESTS.
1992 SAW OVER 1,000 LABS
DESTROYED, AND OVER 1,000
PEOPLE ARRESTED,
INCLUDING HIGH-LEVEL
NARCOS SUCH AS COLOMBIAN
CELIMO ANDRADE.

B) OVER 5,000 HECTARES OF COCA PLANTS WERE ERADICATED, PRODUCING A NET REDUCTION IN TOTAL COCA CULTIVATION FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR.

- 5 PERCENT NET REDUCTION FOR 1992.

- THERE WERE AN ESTIMATED 45,500 HECTARES OF COCA THROUGHOUT BOLIVIA AT THE END OF 1992, DOWN FROM AN ESTIMATED HIGH OF OVER 58,000 IN 1988.

- ERADICATION IN BOLIVIA IS A COMPLICATED PROPOSITION; NEVERTHELESS, BOLIVIA REMAINS THE ONLY COUNTRY SUCCESSFULLY ERADICATING SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF COCA.

- ACCORDING TO BOLIVIAN LAW, MOST COCA FIELDS ARE LEGAL, AND CAN ONLY BE ELIMINATED GRADUALLY, IN COMBINATION WITH ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF SUCCESSFUL ERADICATION, THE REMAINING FIELDS ARE GENERALLY SMALL PLOTS, LOCATED IN REMOTE AREAS, MAKING ERADICATION A SLOW, DIFFICULT PROCESS.

C) OPERATION "GHOST ZONE" EFFECTIVELY CUT OFF THE CHAPARE VALLEY TO TRAFFICKER AIRCRAFT FOR MUCH OF THE YEAR.

D) UNDER NAS AUSPICES, UMOPAR, THE RURAL NARCOTICS POLICE, CONTINUES TO INCREASE IN SIZE AND

EFFECTIVENESS. UMOPAR IS A VITAL ELEMENT OF DEA IN-COUNTRY OPERATIONS.

- UMOPAR UNITS WERE DISPERSED TO THE BENI REGION, EXTENDING AN EFFECTIVE CN LAW ENFORCEMENT PRESENCE TO THE NORTHERN PORTIONS OF BOLIVIA FOR THE FIRST TIME.

E) WATERWAYS LAW ENFORCEMENT (RIVERINE) PROGRAM BECAME FULLY OPERATIONAL DURING 1992, AND QUICKLY PROVED ITS WORTH BY PRODUCING THE YEAR'S SINGLE LARGEST SEIZURE OF HCL.

- ABOUT 25 PERCENT OF BLUE DEVIL (BOLIVIAN NAVY RIVERINE UNIT) OPERATIONS ARE INDEPENDENT.

- BLUE DEVIL UNITS CAN NOW EXERT A CONTINUOUS PRESENCE ON ALL KEY RIVER SYSTEMS.

F) BOTH THE FMFP AND INM AIRWING

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ASSETS WERE FULLY INTEGRATED SOLELY UNDER NAS CONTROL, PROVIDING MAXIMUM EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF ALL AIR ASSETS; 22 RED DEVIL HELICOPTERS, 3 C-130'S, 5 PC-7'S, AND A C-47.

- NAS LA PAZ IS THE FIRST TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTEGRATED CONTROL OF ALL CN AIR ASSETS.

- FULL NAS CONTROL OF THE C-47 GREATLY INCREASED LOGISTICAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO CN OPERATIONS.

- THE RED DEVIL TASK FORCE

FLEW NEARLY 8,000
ACCIDENT FREE HOURS
DURING 1992, REACHING THE
20,000 HOUR MILESTONE.
90 PERCENT OF THIS TIME
WAS DEDICATED TO SUPPORT
DEA/SNOWCAP OPERATIONS.

G) OCIAQ - THE SPECIAL CHEMICAL
PRECURSOR INVESTIGATIVE UNIT BECAME
FULLY OPERATIONAL IN LATE 1992.
LAST DECEMBER,IN THEIR FIRST MAJOR
OPERATION, OCI
AQ INSPECTORS SEIZED
THREE TRACTOR-TRAILER TRUCKS
SMUGGLING CONTRABAND, INCLUDING
THREE 55 GALLON DRUMS OF ACETONE.

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